

*Ephesians 5:2a, 25-32 (Shorter Version)*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

Live in love, as Christ loved us  
and handed himself over for us.

Husbands, love your wives,  
even as Christ loved the Church  
and handed himself over for her to sanctify her,  
cleansing her by the bath of water with the word,  
that he might present to himself the Church in splendor,  
without spot or wrinkle or any such thing,  
that she might be holy and without blemish.

The Word of the Lord.